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Applicant(s): Reniero et al.  
Appl. No.: 09/936,543  
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Title: LACTIC ACID BACTERIA STRAINS CAPABLE OF PREVENTING  
DIARRHOEA  
Art Unit: 1651  
Examiner: D. Ware  
Docket No.: 112843-031

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003 , please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

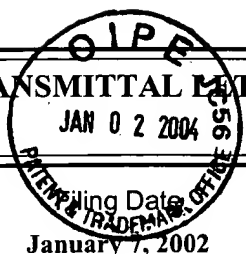
**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL MATTER (Large Entity)</b>		<b>Docket No.</b> 112843-031	
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.  
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